



EDITORIAL

Looking Towards the Next 25 Years

"I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name at the top"

English Professor, Ohio University

It is more than likely that anyone reading this supplement will, at some stage, have submitted a treasured piece of work to their preferred scientific journal, only to receive the dreaded, commiserating letter from the Editor that that it has failed to be accepted. In a world of peer review, this is inevitable as Editors strive to improve the quality of papers being published. In the case of the EJVES, the rejection rate is about 55%; so (provided your glass is half-full), you have a near one in two chance of acceptance! Why don't you have a go?

Today, we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the European Society of Vascular Surgery and the inaugural issue of the *European Journal of Vascular Surgery*. One of us (ARN) presented a paper at the first ESVS Meeting in London, but for some reason the manuscript got 'misaid' and had to be resubmitted some months later. Many of you will recall that this was not an easy proposition, because about 6 photocopies of absolutely everything (including every glossy printed illustration complete with sticky labels denoting figure alignments, authors and captions) had to be redone and then re-submitted *en masse*. How things have changed and it is now rare that we 'mislay' manuscripts! The submission process is now 'on-line' through Editorial Manager, the web-based system of manuscript submission and review, which has increased the convenience for our authors (and reviewers) and dramatically reduce manuscript turn-round time.

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Society, it is clear that the leadership of our former Editors set the foundation for its subsequent Editorial teams. Today, the Journal is recognized as a respected vascular and endovascular journal throughout the world. The number of submitted manuscripts has increased making the Journal a truly international scientific publication. A number of recent initiatives have helped increase the profile of

the Journal. Commentaries, written by Editorial Board members or Reviewers, enhance the value of the article they accompany; articles which are more than 18 months old are now free for anyone to access and download and, in the near future, each published paper will be accompanied by a summary of what the new paper adds to the literature. We have instituted closer relations with the Journal of Vascular Surgery, through the simultaneous publication of abstracts and transatlantic debates. We have identified and introduced new Reviewers, mostly younger vascular specialists, and expanded the Editorial Board to include younger individuals as well as broaden international representation. The current Editors of the EJVES are proud to be associated with all these initiatives and will endeavour to drive quality upwards, just as our predecessors have done.

In this 25th Anniversary supplement, we have identified 12 papers from the European Journal of Vascular (and Endovascular) Surgery which received more than 100 citations since their publication. Each paper is followed by an invited commentary from respected colleagues from the world of vascular surgery. We may have 'Europe' in our title, but we are pleased that we attract submissions from all corners of the globe. We hope you will enjoy this 'dip into the past'. Maybe you will remember some of them? Either way, the Editors believe that this is an appropriate way to celebrate our birthday and hope that you will continue to support the Journal in the future.

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